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"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

II Timothy 2:15

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"For the earnest expectation of the creation waiteth for the revealing of the sons of God."

Romans 8:19 (ASV)



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DON'T RUN WHILE YOU READ

"The Lord answered me and said: Write the vision! Make it plain upon tablets, so he who runs by may read it!"

Habakkuk 2:2

O many people are prone to "run" while they read. After a hurried reading of the messages in each issue they lay them aside wondering when some more are coming out for them to read in the same manner. So many read just to satisfy their curiosity as to what some man has to say, or to engage in some speculative gymnastics about what might come in the future. This accomplished, they give little further thought to what they have read.

It is dangerous to consider lightly that which the Lord is making known in this hour of human history. The Lord holds you accountable; with knowledge comes responsibility. Reading the material contained in these publications will do you very little good unless there is sufficient study and meditation, along with the Bible, to allow the Holy Spirit to impart illumination deep into your inner consciousness, causing the truth to be "born" in your heart, and then assimilated and incorporated into the very fabric of your soul, becoming as a "fire" in your inner being (*Jer. 20:9*).

Take not lightly the truths you are receiving through these writings. Do not cast them aside with one casual reading. Slow down and meditate while you read, looking to the Holy Spirit to illuminate and make real what you read. Above all, take your Bible and read carefully and meditate on all Scripture references and passages



mentioned. Let His Word become a fire within you to penetrate and purify, consuming all dross, preparing you as a vessel unto His glory; lest that same Word be a fire of judgment to precipitate you into loss and grief. If you have questions or problems you are welcome to write.

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Awake and Arise

The Lord is stirring His people that they may see what He desires, and that they may arise and enter into that which He has prepared. Awake and arise, and be not content to dwell in the dust of your carnal ways. Shake yourself loose from that which has held you captive (Isa. 52:1-2). Arise and see that inheritance which He has prepared for you. Take notice of your inheritance—arise and enter in. People have been bound by the traditions of men long enough. The Lord is readying a people to enter fully into His righteous ways, and His salvation shall uphold them and provide that which they need. Some people are beginning to arise and leave behind that which has bound them, and they are making their way into that which is of truth and righteousness.

So arise, for the day of deliverance is at hand. Truly a people shall return unto "Zion" and rebuild the waste places and the former desolations, and they shall be called the repairers of the breach (*Isa.* 58:12). In this day a remnant is returning unto the ways of God, and they shall magnify the Lord in all that they do.

Begin to realize that which is your right and your inheritance in Christ. Realize that Christians are living far below their Covenant rights. They have barely begun to enter into that which is made available by the sacrifice of Christ, as He once for all confirmed the Covenant of eternal redemption.

Awake and see the mighty strength of God; awake and behold the mighty arm of the Lord. He is ready to move on the behalf of those who will awaken out of their lethargy and call upon Him. 10

Arise and possess thine heritage. Why remain in the bondage of former traditions? Why not shake yourself loose and forget that which has blinded and held you, and enter into that revelation which the Lord is making known in this hour?

Read carefully *Isaiah* 51 and 52. Notice in these two chapters the repeated use of the words, "Hearken," "Awake" and "Arise." It is a message to those who are willing to hear the call of the Lord to come out of Babylon and return unto Zion (51:11, 52:11), to shake themselves loose from their bondages and limitations in the land of captivity and see the mighty arm of the Lord move as in former days (51:9). Truly this is now being fulfilled as the Lord is causing a remnant to enter into His purposes and put on the beautiful garments of His light and truth (52:1). (See also *Eph.* 5:14.)

SEALED WITH THE FATHER'S NAME

n Revelation 7:1-4 we read of the sealing of certain ones as

"And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel."

Notice that a "hold" order is given by the angel "having the seal of the living God" to the angels in charge of the four winds. These winds represent the destructive judgments which are coming upon the earth (organizations of men), the sea (the masses of people) and the trees (nations and rulers). The "hold" order indicates a time of delay or waiting while the "sealing angel" accomplishes a certain work. In other words, a minimum number (144,000 Firstfruits) of the "servants" of God must be sealed before the judgments begin to fall. The "servants" here are first and primarily spiritual Israelites out of the end-time tribes (nations) of Christian Israel. Later, however, there shall be the same number sealed out of physical Israel, for this prophecy has a double application.

Just because only 144,000 are mentioned to be sealed, we must not jump to the conclusion that these are the only ones to be sealed. The 144,000 are mentioned especially because they are the Firstfruits (Rev. 14:4), and the Lord has a special purpose for them. They are sealed first because they are to precede their brethren into the Heavenly Kingdom (Zion, Rev. 14:1), and they must be made ready to be taken before the great hour of trial comes to try all men on the earth (Rev. 3:10). This is in harmony with the fact that they are sealed before the angels of Revelation 7:1 loose the four winds of judgment. We read in Revelation 3:12 that all overcomers are to have three names written upon them by Jesus, the first being "the Name of My God"; this being in harmony with the fact that the "angel" (messenger) in Revelation 7:2 has the "seal of the living God."

In **Revelation 7:3** the servants are to be sealed in their foreheads, in Revelation 14:1 they have the Father's Name written on their foreheads, and in Revelation 3:12 Jesus says "I will write upon him the Name of My God." The word "seal" in the Greek means 'an impress'. A "seal" in ancient times was an instrument such as a ring or bracelet which had a certain engraving on it. It was sometimes called a "signet" and was used to make an impression on soft moist clay to indicate the official mark or sign of the one using it, much the same as we would use a signature by writing. Thus "sealing" and "writing" would become synonymous or interchangeable. Since all overcomers are to have "the Name of My God" written upon them by Jesus, we know that the "sealing" is not confined to 144,000. Either before or during the Tribulation all who are to be received by Christ into His Heavenly Kingdom and enter the New Jerusalem must be sealed. This is clearly seen when we read Jesus' words in Revelation 3:12,

". . . and I will write upon him the <u>Name of My God</u>, and the <u>name of the city of My God</u>, which is <u>New Jerusalem</u>, which cometh down out of heaven from My God: and I will write upon him My new Name."

The fulfillment of this sixth covenant to the overcomers pre-

pares for and makes possible the seventh covenant:

"To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My Throne, even as I also overcame and am set down with My Father in His Throne."

Revelation 3:21

This seventh covenant consummates the "overcoming cycle" for those who are to rule and reign with Christ in His Throne. But there can be no "reigning with Christ" until the overcomer has had all three names written (impressed – sealed) upon him. The writing of these names has nothing to do with any outward inscription on a person. They have to do with spiritual (inner) conditions; and the "writing" of these names has to do with the preparation and progressive changes within the overcomer which make possible that stepped-up power potential so necessary for those who are to rule and reign with Christ. We are to be as soft clay within, to receive the *divine impress*. Those who are not susceptible to this "sealing" simply cannot be among those who are being made ready for joint rulership with Christ in His Kingdom.

In this chapter we are interested only in the first of the three names mentioned in Revelation 3:12. First, Jesus says, "I will write upon him (the overcomer) the Name of My God." The "My God" here is none other than "His Father" of Revelation 14:1. Before we look into the reason for the sealing with the "Father's Name," I want to clear up a point which has caused much confusion in the minds of most Christians. Neither "God" or "Father" are names, but rather titles. The name of the Father has never been revealed (I will deal with the "why" and "how" of being sealed with that unknown name shortly). The only "name" revealed in the Scriptures is that of Yahweh-Jesus, Who is the SON of the FATHER. Notice that Jesus speaks of His Father as "My God" (Rev. 3:12). The word "God," as a title, indicates a relationship and a function. It indicates one who is a "keeper" over another. Is not a "father" also a "keeper" over his son? Therefore Jesus refers to "His Father" (Rev. 14:1) as "My God" (Rev. 3:12, see also Matt. 27:46, Jn. 20:17, Heb. 1:9). Since we were brought into being by the Son (Jn. 1:3,10; Col 1:16;

Heb. 1:2), *He* is also our God (or keeper). The title "God" can be applied to either the Father or the Son *(Heb. 1:8-9)* depending on who is the *acting* Keeper, for there can be only one (acting) God in relation to humans.

Now let us consider WHY the overcomers are sealed first with the Father's Name. Is not Jesus our pattern? Was He not the first (born) of many brethren (Rom. 8:29)? Then notice the words of John 6:27, where Jesus explains WHY He is able to fulfill His ministry and give a LIVING WORD unto the people:

"Labor not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you; for <u>Him hath God the Father sealed</u>."

Can we as HIS BODY fulfill a ministry in this end-time unless we are sealed as He was sealed (Who is our pattern)? The "sealing" involves both a protection and an enablement for an end-time ministry. Being sealed with the Father's Name is a special end-time fulfillment of Jesus' high priestly prayer (recorded in *John 17*) that those given to Him (by the Father) would be *kept* in the Father's Name. In *John 17:11,23* He prays:

"Holy Father, <u>keep through Thine own Name</u> those whom Thou hast given Me, that they may be one as We are. . .that they may be <u>made perfect in one</u>; and that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me."

Surely Jesus' prayer will be especially fulfilled in this end-time when those whom the Father has given Him shall be kept (sealed) through the Father's Name. In one sense all who believe in Jesus are His, but there is a special sense in which that (overcoming) Body which is made perfect in one, to manifest His glory to the world in this end-time, and also to be joined with Him in His (own) Heavenly Kingdom, are His by gift of the Father. They are His Inheritance (Eph. 1:18) and His Fullness (Eph. 1:23), His Bride and Household (Eph. 5:25-32), to share His Calling (Eph. 1:18, Heb. 5:10), and to be with Him forever. These are to be especially kept (sealed) through the Father's Name in this end-time.

The "sealing" not only provides divine protection but also divine enablement. As a seal leaves a definite impress when it is used on soft clay, so is there a definite impartation to the one who is sealed. The words in John 6:27 definitely indicate that Jesus was able to minister a LIFEGIVING word, with authority and power, because He had been sealed by the Father. Thus sealed, His ministry then became a manifestation of the Father's Name. After finishing His ministry Jesus prayed thus to His father: "I have manifested Thy Name unto the men which Thou gavest Me out of the world . . . I have declared unto them Thy Name." Now there is no record that Jesus ever spoke or uttered any new name to the Disciples, but notice John 17:4, "I have glorified Thee on the earth." Could Jesus glorify the Father without manifesting His Name (the essence of His being and nature)? Impossible! Beloved, we are not talking about a name as an inscription which we can see and read; neither some sound uttered by the voice which we can hear; but we are dealing with the declaring and manifesting of that which GOD IS. THAT is revealing the Father's Name! Those who are sealed with the Father's Name in this endtime are going to manifest His power and glory as no people have ever done before. This will take a special divine impartation and enablement.

We can illustrate this principle of a name-impartation by going to the Old Testament. Turn to *Exodus 23:20-21*, where we read that the Lord promises to send an Angel before the Israelites to keep them and bring them into the Promised Land. Then He warns, "Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for My Name is in him." Here the Lord states that His Name is in the angel. What does this mean? How can we separate the Lord's Name from that which He is and that which He manifests? The Lord's Name in the angel would indicate that the vibration of His own being, as well as His power presence was in the angel, making him equal to the occasion.

The same principle is shown (by type) in that the Lord said He would choose a place where He would put His Name, or where He would cause His Name to dwell (Deut. 12:5,11,21; 14:23-

24; 16:2,6,11). He was referring to the future Temple which would be built (see I Ki. 8:16,29; 9:3; 11:36). But where do we read that the Lord actually wrote or inscribed His Name in the Temple? It can't be found. We can only conclude that He was talking about a living reality within the Temple. "His Name" in the temple was the Shekinah glory which dwelt in the Holy of Holies and which was a vibrational representation of His own being and power.

Under the New Covenant our *bodies* are the "living temples" of which the Old Covenant Temple was a type (I Cor. 3:16-17, 6:19). Solomon's glorious Temple (in contrast to the portable, perishable Tabernacle) is a type of our coming GLORIFIED BOD-IES which will be necessary for us to dwell in the Heavenly Kingdom and the New Jerusalem. At the present time, in these mortal bodies (the portable tabernacle), through the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit, we have the vibration or spiritual-essence of Jesus' redemptive Name in us. "Jesus" comes from Joshua or Yoshua, which means 'YAHWEH IS SAVIOR'. But when we receive our Glorified bodies, we shall receive the power-essence of HIS NEW NAME. This is the third of the three names Jesus says He will write upon the overcomer in Revelation 3:12, "...and I will write upon him My new Name." This New Name is mentioned in Revelation 19:12; and in Revelation 22:4 we read of those who will dwell in the New Jerusalem: "And they shall see His face; and His Name shall be in their foreheads." This will be the vibrational power essence of His New Name, making us equal to the occasion of ruling and reigning with Him.

But FIRST, while still in mortal bodies, we must have the Father's Name written (sealed) on our foreheads. WHY? Because Jesus is still at the right hand of the Father making intercession for us (Rom. 8:34), which is a continuation of the prayer recorded in John 17 that those given Him by the Father would be kept (sealed) in the Father's Name, and perfected together in one (spiritual Body), with a special enablement from the Father for a spirit-powered end-time ministry which will be the fulfillment and consummation of Christ's own ministry on the earth. The many sons (Rom. 8:29, Heb. 2:10) cannot be separated from The Son. They must

be sealed by the Father even as He was sealed by the Father (*In.* 6:27).

"For both He that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are <u>all of one</u>: for which cause He (Jesus) is not ashamed to call them <u>brethren</u>, Saying, I will declare Thy (the Father's) Name unto My <u>brethren</u>. And again, Behold I and the children which God <u>hath given Me</u>."

Hebrews 2:11,13

The last phrase is a question from Isaiah 8:18 which reads as follows: "Behold, I and the children whom the Lord hath given me <u>are for signs and for wonders in Israel.</u>" Also in Isaiah 8:16 we read, "Bind up the testimony, seal the law among My disciples."

Is there not an intimation here as to why the sealing is in the FOREHEAD? Can we fulfill our ministry as HIS BODY without the LIVING WORD being "bound up" and "sealed" in our minds? Jesus' mind was so completely "possessed" by the WILL and the WORD of the Father that He could do nothing of Himself.

"... The Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He seeth the Father do: for what things soever He doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. I can of Mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and My judgment is just; because I seek not Mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent Me. I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father hath taught Me, I speak these things."

John 5:19,30; 8:28

Here is the evidence of a mind "sealed" with the "Father's Name" (the spiritual vibration of His very being and nature) where His Will is known and His word is "seen" and "heard" and spoken. This is the pattern for the end-time spiritual Body of Christ, and the Father will attest this by putting the seal of His Name upon those who are ready to fully follow in the footprints of Jesus in doing only the Father's Will. Putting a seal in the forehead would indicate a stamp of approval and a choice. Notice those mentioned in *Revelation 17:14* who are "with the Lamb" in the final battle of the

ages. They are referred to as being "called and chosen (sealed) and faithful." Certainly the Father is not going to seal (choose) those who are not totally committed to His will and purpose.

Those who are "sealed" with the Father's Name are those who are being prepared for manifest sonship. Does not a father place and leave his name in his sons? Is not Jesus the pattern Son? Is it not written that "Him hath God the Father sealed" (Jn. 6:27)? Are we not also to be sealed unto full sonship? Those who are sealed, "having His Father's Name written in their fore-heads" (Rev. 14:1), are those who have come into a minimum of maturity as the sons of God and are thus being made ready for manifestation. No son is ready to put on immortality (whether to the earthly or heavenly glory) until sealed in the forehead with the Father's Name.

We saw previously the principle of name-projection in the Temple by means of the Shekinah glory residing in the Holy of Holies. Now note: only the High Priest could go beyond the veil into the Holy of Holies on the great Day of Atonement. Before entering therein he had to be properly clothed. Special garments were made "for glory and for beauty" (Ex. 28:2). A part of these garments was the mitre (or turban) for the head, upon which was a plate of gold with the words "Holiness to the Lord" engraved upon it "like the engravings of a signet (seal)" (Ex. 28:36). Exodus 28:38 says that this engraving was to be on Aaron's forehead. The High Priest is a type, not only of Christ, but also of His Body (I Cor. 12:12). The garments of the High Priest are a type of that which the Body of Christ must be clothed and adorned with before entering the Holy of Holies beyond the veil. This includes the engraving (seal) upon the forehead, "Holiness to the Lord." We must become partakers of His holiness. His righteousness must be fulfilled in us (Rom. 8:4) by being woven into the very fabric of our mind and soul as with a garment of finely twined linen (Rev. 19:8).

Going "beyond the veil" as His spiritual Body means entering into HIS FULLNESS for a Spirit-powered ministry, and also, in time, to enter into the Heavenly Kingdom which He has prepared for those who love Him, and who are to rule and reign with Him. Those who are "overcomers" (Rev. 3:12) are now candidates to have written (sealed) upon them the Father's Name, and then when they are received into the Heavenly Kingdom with GLORIFIED bodies they will have written on them the name of the New Jerusalem; and finally when they are made ready to rule and reign with Christ they will have His New Name written upon them. Glory!

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SEALING

Those whom the Lord has sealed are to become His seal of authority unto the people. To be sealed is to come into a realm of authority that is not known by the average Christian, not even by those sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise. For those sealed shall be used to speak God's words with power and authority, even as the words that fell from the lips of the Son of God, for Him had the Father sealed (Jn. 6:27).

Would you be used of Him in this day? Then seek Him with all your heart and soul and being. Give yourself unreservedly to Him, for those He uses in this end-time shall without fail give themselves to Him only, that they may gain that realm of service and glory to their God where nothing maxters but the consuming desire to be one with their God on the altar of sacrifice, that they may be a sweet smelling savour unto Him. There must be no compromise and no delay for those who would hear His voice and be sealed for an end-time ministry unto their God. For even now this sealing progresses and soon its first phase will be consummated; then shall fury break forth on the earth. But those sealed shall speak forth the Word with authority and power, and He will confirm that word.

We now come to the second factor that is involved in this sealing; an absolute protection by their God. Those who are sealed cannot in any way be destroyed or harmed by the enemy, for God will put a wall of fire about them, and that which comes against them shall be consumed, for nothing shall harm those that are sealed.

"Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little chil-

dren, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at My sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house."

Ezekiel 9:6

The Lord will protect them and keep them from all the power of the enemy. Only that which has been decreed beforehand shall be done unto them, and only that portion which they have willingly agreed to shall be theirs. God does not lie but keeps that which He promises.

For those who have agreed, there shall come a time of decision as to what path they shall take, and they can determine whether to give themselves in life or in death. If they choose the latter way, then they shall be placed in His hand to do with as He wills; and even as the Son of God Who went before and set the pattern, so shall they be required to lay down their lives for His sake. But this shall not be a matter of compulsion, but of a voluntary sacrifice, even that sacrifice of His saints which has been ordained for this hour. Even as the Son of God laid down His life, so must they lay down their lives for their brethren. This is that which is spoken of in **Revelation 6:11**, where it says that those who have gone on are waiting for their brethren who shall be killed for the sake of the Gospel. Some of those who are sealed and are under the absolute protection of their God shall lay down their lives, even as Isaac (in type) laid down his life and was received from the dead. For they are the 'sons of promise' in a special way, who shall inherit a more excellent name even as the Son of God inherited a more excellent Name than His brethren (Heb. 1:4). They shall also receive a more excellent position in the Kingdom of God because they have laid down their lives.

Not all who are sealed shall lay down their lives. For there are those who shall be taken without the experience of death, even the Firstfruits who shall be taken out (*Rev. 14:1-5*). They shall also inherit a more excellent name because they have been willing to be prepared ahead of time and have lived a life of holiness and separation, and have not contaminated themselves with the harlot sys-

tems of this world. Even so have they kept themselves pure; so shall they be taken without having to lay down their lives in death, for they were willing to lay down their lives in life and be made a covenant of a living sacrifice (*Ps. 50:5*). Therefore they shall be taken and receive a name above others.

Those who have failed to make this kind of a living sacrifice, if they desire the greater glory of the martyr's crown, shall be required in this last day to make that greater sacrifice of laying down their physical lives for the sake of the Gospel, even as the martyrs of old. For they have not been willing to make the kind of living sacrifice necessary to keep them from all the defilements of this world, that the Lord might take them unto Himself before that great day of Tribulation comes. Those He takes into the heavens shall be a helpmeet in the time of trouble and be used mightily for His glory.

Others shall be sealed during the time of Great Tribulation, even as some are being sealed now. For first come the Firstfruits who shall be sealed and taken before the Tribulation. Many of these have been sealed already and even now are anticipating the call unto them. Secondly, there are those being sealed now who shall wear the martyr's crown. If they are willing, they shall lay down their lives for the sake of the Gospel in the Tribulation impending. Others are now being sealed who will not aspire to the glory of the martyr's crown, but shall indeed be used mightily in the days ahead. These, along with that great company that will be sealed during the Tribulation, shall be received into His Kingdom at the close of the Tribulation. Those who are being sealed before the Tribulation, and who are willing now to give themselves wholly unto Him, shall have a greater crown of glory than those who are sealed during the Tribulation. For they have been willing to be prepared ahead of time, even before the hour of trial impels all men to make their choice (Rev. 3:10). So now is the time to lay down self on the altar as a living sacrifice, that though you may not be among those (the Firstfruits) to be taken ahead of time, you can receive a crown of glory that shall shine as the stars in their brilliance. Concerning those who shall be sealed during the time of Tribulation, they too shall have a choice placed before them. Those

who aspire to the glory of the martyr's crown shall have an opportunity to lay down their lives for the Gospel's sake. This is a voluntary choice. For His seal of protection shall be upon them. But they shall choose whether to give themselves in life or in death, and thus in giving themselves, so shall be their lot and glory in the coming Kingdom.

Except for the Firstfruits which are taken out, those who have laid down their lives in death shall be received into glory first, even as the two witnesses mentioned in *Revelation 11:12*. They shall be the first to meet with their Lord and receive the crown of glory awaiting them. Then shall a great host of living ones follow them shortly and be translated without seeing death (*I Cor. 15:51-54, I Thess. 4:16-17*); and so shall they ever be with the Lord to fill their place in the Kingdom according to that which they have chosen.

Now we come to the third factor in the sealing. It is even a sealing of the Lord's provision for the hour of trial. For the Lord will provide that which is needed, whether physical or spiritual. The sealing provides for the abundant resources of God to accomplish that which He has commissioned the sealed ones to do. Even now look to the Lord to provide all of your needs and do not fear. He fed His people in the wilderness, and He is the same God today. He fed His servant Elijah by the ravens when there was drought in all the land. Even so shall He provide for you out of the abundance of His resources. Therefore, trust Him and know for a surety that He will keep you and provide for you in that day.

We shall now consider the final factor in the sealing. It is the very presence and fellowship of God to walk and talk with you as He did with Adam in the beginning. For those He seals shall know His voice and He will commune with them and talk with them, and they shall know that it is the Lord that speaks unto them. And if they obey His voice and hear that which He speaks unto them, so shall He continue to speak unto them and bring them understanding. So shall He control their minds and thoughts as they yield themselves unto Him in perfect obedience.